

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : In the first visit they went to attend a conference of the inspecting officers. The Director visited Kottayam next for inspection of schools. The Deputy Director visited Kottayam for the inspection of English Schools.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : May I know how many schools were inspected ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN . That is given in the statement, Sir.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : I want to know from the member how many schools the Director and the Deputy Director visited in Kottayam ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : About 6 or 7.

Casual leave allowed to the employees of the Education Department,

52. *MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have reduced the number of days of casual leave allowed to the employees in the Education Department on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction and if so, what is the reduction and the reason therefor ;

(b) whether this reduction will apply to both men and women teachers equally ; and

(c) whether the women teachers had at any time more than 14 days' casual leave for an year ; and, if so, on what ground ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : (a) No.

(b) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

(c) Yes ; for reasons of health.

Reduction of holidays for the Education Department.

53. *MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have reduced the number of holidays for schools on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction ; if so, the number of holidays so reduced ; and how many of them are Hindu holidays, how many Christian holidays and how many Mahomedan holidays ; and

(b) the basis on which the reduction was proposed and sanctioned ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : (a) Yes ; 26 days ; 13 Hindu holidays and 13 Christian holidays. The Mahomedan holidays were not reduced.

(b) In order that schools should maintain the minimum number of working days prescribed by the Education Code.